

Mr. Outlaw asked and was excused from serving on the committee appointed to investigate the case of the surrender of Fort Oregon; whereupon the Speaker announced that Mr. Gaither would act instead of Mr. Outlaw on said committee.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the special order pending for 11 o'clock be postponed until the morning business be disposed of. Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, moved to amend by saying until 12 o'clock, and demanded the yeas and nays.

Those who voted in the affirmative are :

Messrs. Arendell, Candler, Dobson, Eure, Faison, Grist, Humphrey, Pitchford, Slaughter, Taylor of Granville, Taylor of Brunswick, Thomas of Jackson and Waugh,—13.

Those who voted in the negative are :

Messrs. Adams, Brown, Bledsoe, Barringer, Blount, Copeland, Dickson, Dockery, Dowd, Gaither, Lane, Outlaw, Ramsay, Simpson, Street, Stowe, Spencer, Stubbs, Turner, Watson, Whitaker, Winstead, Walkup and Worth,—24.

So the Senate refused to postpone until 12 o'clock.

The question then recurred upon the motion to postpone until the morning business be disposed of, and was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to muster into the service of the State, a battalion of Cherokees, which was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Western North Carolina Bank, which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Slaughter, a bill to repeal an act passed at the session of 1860-'61 relative to free negroes having fire arms, which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Candler, a bill to prevent the selling of spiritous liquors at or near public gatherings, which was read the first time and passed.

Also, a bill to prevent the collection of tax for common school purposes during the war.